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SUBJ: MINISTER MORGAARD'S VIEWS ON COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT

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1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN ECONOMICS MINISTER IVAR  
NORGAARD MARCH 21 TO RENEW THE RELATIONSHIP  
WE HAD ESTABLISHED WHEN HE OCCUPIED THE SAME  
POSITION IN THE PREVIOUS SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GO-  
VERNMENT. WHEN I ARRIVED, NORGAARD WAS JUST  
CONCLUDING A MEETING WITH DANISH EC COMMISSIONER  
GUNDELACH AND WAS THEREFORE PRIMED FOR DISCUSSION  
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OF COMMUNITY MATTERS.

2. I ASKED NORGAARD WHAT HE THOUGH WOULD BE THE OUTCOME OF THE BRITISH REFERENDUM. HE SAID HE VERY MUCH HOPED IT WOULD BE POSITIVE, FOR A NEGATIVE VOTE WOULD HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR DENMARK. HE FELT CONFIDENT THAT WILSON WOULD BE ABLE TO LEAD THE BRITISH PUBLIC TO THE RIGHT DECISION. IF, HOWEVER, HE FAILED, AND BRITIAN HAD TO WITHDRAW FROM THE COMMUNITY, DENMARK WAS COMMITTED TO HOLDING A REFERENDUM ALSO ON WHETHER IT SHOULD REMAIN IN. IN THAT CASE, NORGAARD SAID, HE EXPECTED STRONG DOMESTIC PRESSURES FOR AN EARLY REFERENDUM WHICH HE WAS CONFIDENT THE GOVERNMENT COULD RESIST. THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PLAN TO DEFER THE DANISH REFERENDUM UNTIL THE RESULTS OF A BRITISH TRADE ARRANGEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITH WERE KNOWN. HE DID NOT AT THIS POINT WANT TO SPECULATE ON THE OUTCOME OF A DANISH REFERENDUM UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES. HE FELT IT BEST TO CONTINUE ASSUMING THE BRITISH WOULD VOTE TO STAY IN AND THUS AVOID A DANISH PROBLEM.

3. SINCE NORGAARD HAD ATTENDED THE RECENT DUBLIN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING, I ASKED HOW HE FELT ABOUT EC SUMMITS. NORGAARD SAID THAT, IF DENMARK HAD ITS CHOICE, THERE WOULD BE NO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING EXCEPT ON SUCH OCCASIONS AS LARGE ISSUES ERE AT STAKE, AS WAS THE CASE AT DUBLIN WHEN MAJOR DECISIONS WERE MADE ON THE BRITISH RENGEOTIATIONS. AS HIS UNDER SECRETARY HAD ALSO REMARKED (REFTEL), NORGAARD FELT THAT EVEN THE REVISED FORMAT FOR SUMMITS GIVES TOO LITTLE VOICE TO THE SMALLER POWERS. HE REMARKED THAT, SO LONG AS GISCARD AND SCHMIDT ARE ABOUT, EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETINGS WILL BE THEIR SHOW, WITH ALL OTHERS, EXCEPTING WILSON, OBSERVERS TO THE PERFORMANCE.

4. NORGAARD SAID THAT TALK CONTINUES ABOUT  
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CHANGING THE SUMMIT FORMAT, WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES (PRESUMABLY THE SMALLER STATES) SHARING DANISH CONCERNS, BUT HE WAS NOT SANGUINE ABOUT ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE PROCEDURES.

5. COMMENT: I FOUND THAT, IN THE INTERIM DURING THE HARTLING REGIME WHEN HE WAS OUT OF

GOVERNMENT, NORGAARD HAD PUT ON CONSIDERABLE  
WEIGHT IN THE WRONG PLACES. HE WAS, HOWEVER,  
WELL VERSED IN COMMUNITY MATTERS AND, RATHER  
PROUDLY, TOLD ME THAT HE NOW ALSO KEEPS HIMSELF  
BRIEFED ON POLITICAL MATTERS NORMALLY HANDLED  
BY FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN. UNDER THE  
NEW ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THESE TWO HEADS OF THE  
FOREIGN MINISTRY, EACH WILL SPELL THE OTHER  
WHEN ONE IS OUT OF TOWN. NORGAARD NOW ALSO  
HANDLES COMMUNITY POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS WHEN  
THEY ARE INCIDENTAL TO COUNCIL MEETINGS.  
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